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Dear Parents and Carers,

Festive Performances – Years 1 to 6

As we look forward to our festive performances at **St James' Church, Christleton, on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December**, I wanted to share a change to how we will be organising these events this year.

As with everything we do in school, we regularly reflect on what works well and where we can make improvements. A number of years ago, we introduced two evenings of performances to ensure that all families had the opportunity to attend. More recently, these have been organised with Years 2, 4 and 6 performing on one evening and Years 1, 3 and 5 on the other, while our reception children have enjoyed presenting their own Christmas performance in school.

We are always incredibly grateful for the support of parents, grandparents and the wider school community at these events. However, we also recognise that, for some families, having children in different year groups has meant attending on both evenings. While we know many of you enjoy the performances, we appreciate that this can make an already busy time of year even busier!

With this in mind, we have decided to make a change this year, which also ties in with something exciting we are developing across the school.

We are currently preparing to **relaunch our school teams**, with the aim of creating more opportunities for children to work together across year groups, develop friendships and feel part of something bigger than their own class. We want our teams to become a more meaningful part of school life, helping to strengthen the sense of belonging and community that makes our school special.

The children will hear more about this in school and we will share further information with parents in due course.

As a starting point, **this year's church performances will be organised by school team rather than year group**, as follows:

- **Tuesday 15th December – Red and Yellow Teams**
- **Wednesday 16th December – Green and Blue Teams**

As siblings are placed in the same school team, this should mean that families will only need to attend one evening, while still enjoying seeing all their children take part.

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We hope this change will not only make the arrangements easier for families but also give the children a lovely opportunity to perform alongside pupils from different year groups, building that sense of teamwork and togetherness.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to two wonderful evenings of festive celebrations and to welcoming you to St James' Church.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Mitchell